

8000M PEAKS

K2.

Conquering the savage mountain.

K2 isn't nicknamed "the savage mountain" for nothing. The world's second-highest peak is arguably the toughest challenge in mountaineering, with one of the worst fatality rates of all the 8,000ers. For a long time, it was considered unconquerable, because of its great height, almost unbroken slopes of rock and ice, and precipitous overhangs. Despite multiple attempts, no-one had climbed it in winter until January 2021, when our leaders Nimsdai, Mingma David and Mingma Tenzi stood on its majestic, 8,611m-high peak.

For expedition dates, price and all latest information

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Overview

COUNTRY	DURATION	GRADE
PAKISTAN	47 DAYS	ADVANCED 5E
MAX ALTITUDE	WALKING PER DAY	BEST SEASON
8611 M 28251 FT	APPROX 4-7 HOURS	SUMMER

K2 Expedition

Our leaders Nimsdai, Mingma David, and Mingma Tenzi will be forever associated with K2 because of their world-first winter ascent in January 2021. But they have a history with the world's second-highest mountain that stretches back before that remarkable feat. Mingma David led the rope-fixing team on K2 twice, leading to successful summits both times. And of course, Nimsdai summited the savage mountain as part of his 'Project Possible' push in 2019, when many people told him it wasn't - around 90 percent of the expeditions turned round that year without making it to the top.

Our leader's success on mountains like K2 is about more than just their supreme skill as climbers - it comes down to their ability to plan and prepare for every eventuality that can possibly be prepared for. This approach has become one of Elite Exped's founding principles: we control the controllable, making sure we keep every aspect of expedition planning, from preparing food to fixing ropes, in-house, so we're never left relying on third parties.

This helps ensure the best chances of summit success for our clients, but perhaps more importantly, it also helps us maintain the highest safety standards. We guarantee a 1:1 guide to client ratio on all our expeditions, with four guides always kept in reserve in case of emergencies.

Like our directors Nimsdai, Mingma David and Mingma Tenzi, all of our guides are hugely experienced mountaineers, and many of them are record-holders in their own right. They're also trained in high altitude rescue and recovery techniques. We have evacuation plans and accessible helicopter rescue in place, ready to go at short notice should it be needed. Simply put, if you're thinking of attempting one of the world's hardest mountains, you could not be in safer hands.

Climbing K2 is a huge achievement and the pinnacle of any mountaineers' career. It's not easy, but that's the point. As record-breakers, we recognize and respect the desire to achieve the impossible in our clients - it's what drives us too. In fact, we don't view our clients as clients, but as friends and fellow high achievers. If it's your dream to conquer the savage mountain as we have previously, we'll stand with you, and climb with you, every step of the way.

Itinerary

This tried and tested itinerary is informed by decades of mountaineering experience. As with all adventurous activities of this type however, circumstances may arise where Elite Exped is forced to make alterations, possibly at short notice. While making every effort to adhere to this published schedule, we kindly ask for your patience if the weather, or other naturally occurring circumstances, intervene.

DAY 01 ARRIVAL IN ISLAMABAD & TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL	DAY 12 - 39 CLIMBING PERIOD (BASECAMP- SUMMIT- BASECAMP)
DAY 02 PREPARATION DAY IN ISLAMABAD	DAY 40 CLEANING UP BASECAMP: PREPARATION FOR DESCENDING BACK
DAY 03 FLY FROM ISLAMABAD TO SKARDU	DAY 41 TREK FROM BASECAMP TO GORO II
DAY 04 REST DAY IN SKARDU: EXPEDITION BRIEFING AND FINAL PREPARATION	DAY 42 TREK FROM GORO II TO KURBURTZE
DAY 05 DRIVE FROM SKARDU TO JHULA	DAY 43 TREK FROM KURBURTZE TO MUNDUNG
DAY 06 TREK FROM JHULA TO PAIYU	DAY 44 TREK FROM MUNDUNG TO JHULA AND DRIVE BACK TO SKARDU
DAY 07 REST DAY IN PAIYU	DAY 45 FAREWELL AND DEBRIEFING IN SKARDU
DAY 08 TREK FROM PAIYU TO URDUKAS	DAY 46 FLY FROM SKARDU TO ISLAMABAD & TRANSFER TO HOTEL
DAY 09 TREK FROM URDUKAS TO GORO II	DAY 47 TRANSFER TO THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR FINAL DEPARTURES
DAY 10 TREK FROM GORO II TO CONCORDIA	
DAY 11 TREK FROM CONCORDIA TO K2 BASECAMP	

What's included

At Elite Exped, we extensively vet our hotel, travel and accommodation partners, and operate using the very best mountaineering equipment available, to ensure the highest standards of safety possible. The following is included in your booking.

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure: Pick and drop facility-
Airport/Hotel/Airport

Accommodation: 4 nights stay in Islamabad on
Bed & Breakfast Basis-Twin Bedroom

Welcome dinner: One Welcome Dinner in tourist
standard restaurant in Islamabad with Office's
Staffs

Permits & Fees: Expedition Royalty and permit of
Pakistan Government

Cargo Clearance: Member's Personal Luggage
International Air Cargo Clearance & Payment of
Government taxes in Pakistan. **before the
expedition

Transportation: All required Transportation for
all Staffs and Members as per itinerary

Domestic Flight: Flight for all members for
Islamabad to Skardu and Skardu to Islamabad
with one Guide, as per Itinerary

Land Transportation (Members): Drive by Jeep
Skardu to Jhula and on returning Jhula to Skardu

Land Transportation (Staffs): Islamabad to Jhula
via Skardu (by bus/jeep) for All Climbing Sherpas
and Expeditions Staffs. (At Skardu all members
and staff will meet each other).

Expedition Stuffs Transportation: Necessary all
equipment Transportation for all Members and

Staffs from Kathmandu to Pakistan by air cargo -
Islamabad to Jhula by bus / Jeep and to basecamp
by Porters / Mule. While Returning: Basecamp to
Jhula by porters / Mule and Jhula to Islamabad by
bus/jeep.

Food & Lodging: 3 meals a day in Trekking &
Basecamp for Members & Staffs

Waste Management: Stool Shipment Transfer,
Garbage Deposit Fees

Liaison Officer: 1 Government Liaison officer with
full equipment, salary, and accommodation.

Base Camp Staffs: 1 Basecamp Cook & 1 kitchen
assistant

Porters: Porters per member up to Base camp from
Askole & Staff Remunerations and allowances: All
staffs' & porters' daily wages/ equipment/ food/
clothing with personal insurances

Insurance: All Staff's Medical & Emergency rescue
Insurance

Member Luggage: 60 Kg per member as personal
baggage

Basecamp Dome Tent: VE25 North face or Kaila's
tents in base camp 1 per member

Basecamp Tents: Base camp foam mattresses,
Dining/ Kitchen/ Toilet/ Store Tent/ Hot shower/

Tables & chairs, Cooking gears, and all other necessary gears

Generator: 1 Generator at Basecamp for Computer & other electronic devices

Weather Forecast: Weather forecast from Meteotest, Bern (Switzerland) during the whole expedition

Hot drinking water: Facility of hot drinking water as per the need

Oxygen for K2: O2 cylinder: 5 oxygen (O2) cylinder for each Member and 3 oxygen bottles for each High- altitude Sherpa. Extra oxygen will be stored at Basecamp for emergencies

Mask & Regulator: 1 Set of top Out mask for each member and high-altitude Sherpa

High Tent: Necessary VE25 North Face High Tent for Members and High-Altitude Sherpa

Phone: Satellite Phone /Walkie talkie if necessary, on the basis of member

Walkie Talkie - 1 Walkie Talkie per member (9 Volt) as required on the basis of Member

High Altitude Climbing Sherpa: 1 Climbing Sherpa per member

High camp service: Essential Cooking gas, Cooking pot, Tents for high camp, high food and fixing gear (C1) (C2) (C3) (C4) summit

Satellite Phone: Phone calls will be priced as per call duration.

Heater: Heater for base camp at each Dining and other necessary camps

Light: 1 Solar panel for charging a battery and for lighting at the base camp

Warm Farewell Dinner at a standard restaurant in Islamabad with Staff

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare to and from Islamabad.

Pakistani Visa Charges

Lunch & Dinner in Islamabad

Extra nights' accommodation in Islamabad. In case of early arrival or late departure, early return from the expedition (due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary

Insurance: Travel and High-Altitude Insurance / Accident / Medical / emergency evacuation

Sherpa summit Bonus: Mandatory – **Minimum USD 2,000**

Tips: Please calculate some tips for Basecamp staffs and porters

The full set of Member's personal climbing equipment & clothing

Rescue Evacuation: Emergency rescue evacuation cost, if needed and all other expenses of personal nature

Any other item not listed in the "Price Includes" section.

Requirements

There's no doubt that climbing K2 is a significant endeavour for anyone, regardless of experience. But with our expert guidance, achieving this goal may be closer than you think. We would expect anyone joining our K2 expedition to have summited multiple 6000m, 7000m peaks, and a couple of 8,000m peak.

We'll look at your previous experience, and analyse key performance data, that we'll ask you to share when you sign up. We'll work with every member of our K2 expedition to develop an appropriate training program. Our tailored approach means we can also recommend preliminary climbs in the years and months leading up to this expedition, to give you the best possible chance of reaching your goal.

Equipment

The adventurous activities undertaken by Elite Exped will require the purchase of specialist equipment Please see below the full kit list for this expedition:

CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HELMET: MUST BE ABLE TO FIT OVER YOUR SKI HAT | <input type="checkbox"/> BRIDGEDALE LINER SOCKS OR EQUIVALENT: 3 PAIRS. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALPINE ICE AXE: GENERAL MOUNTAINEERING TOOL (65-70CM) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 MERINO BASE LAYERS: TOP AND BOTTOM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRAMPONS 12 POINTS | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 MID LAYER TOP: BREATHABLE. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASCENDER: 1 RIGHT- OR LEFT-HAND ASCENDER | <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTAINEERING HARNESS WITH ADJUSTABLE LEG LOOPS | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTWEIGHT NYLON PANTS: 1 PAIR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CARABINERS: 3 LOCKING AND 6 REGULAR | <input type="checkbox"/> SOFT SHELL JACKET WITH HOODY: TO BE WORN OVER OTHER LAYERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAPPEL DEVICE: ATC OR FIGURE 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> SOFT SHELL PANTS: VERY BREATHABLE AND WATER REPELLENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTAINEERING BOOTS: SUITABLE FOR ABOVE 8000M.SCARPA PHANTOM 8000 OR EQUIVALENT | <input type="checkbox"/> HARD SHELL JACKET WITH HOOD: A WATERPROOF AND BREATHABLE SHELL JACKET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIKING SHOES FOR THE TREK TO BASE CAMP | <input type="checkbox"/> HARD SHELL PANTS: WATERPROOF AND BREATHABLE SHELL PANTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOTIES: OPTIONAL, DOWN IS BEST. | <input type="checkbox"/> INSULATED DOWN JACKET WITH HOOD: (FILL POWER 800) OR EQUIVALENT TO RAB'S ELECTRON JACKET. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BRIDGEDALE SUMMIT SOCKS OR EQUIVALENT: 6 PAIRS. | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INSULATED SYNTHETIC PANTS: WORN PRIMARILY WHEN CLIMBING BELOW CAMP 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> TREKKING POLES WITH SNOW BASKETS: ADJUSTABLE POLES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMIT DOWN SUIT | <input type="checkbox"/> CUP: PLASTIC INSULATED CUP FOR DRINKING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WARM HAT: SYNTHETIC OR WOOL HAT (SKI HAT) | <input type="checkbox"/> BOWL: A PLASTIC BOWL FOR EATING DINNER OR BREAKFAST |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUNHAT: TO SHADE YOUR FACE / NECK FROM THE SUN ON A HOT DAY | <input type="checkbox"/> SPOON: PLASTIC SPOON |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUFF: TO PROTECT YOUR NECK / FACE FROM THE SUN | <input type="checkbox"/> HEAD TORCH: 1 NORMAL FOR BASE CAMP AND 1 WITH REMOTE BATTERY SYSTEMS FOR CLIMBING AT NIGHT. THIS WILL BE USED WHILST CLIMBING AT NIGHT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GLACIER GLASSES: FULL PROTECTION WITH SIDE COVERS OR WRAP AROUND | <input type="checkbox"/> SUNSCREEN: SPF 50 OR ABOVE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SKI GOGGLES: TO BE WORN ON SUMMIT DAY IN THE EVENT OF HIGH WINDS | <input type="checkbox"/> LIP BALM WITH SUN BLOCK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTWEIGHT SYNTHETIC LINER GLOVES: FOR WEARING ON A HOT DAY; 2 PAIRS | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER BOTTLES: 2 WIDE MOUTH BOTTLES WITH 1 LITTER CAPACITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOFT SHELL GLOVES: TO WEAR FOR MODERATE COLD / WIND | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER BOTTLE PARKAS (2): FULLY INSULATED WITH ZIP OPENING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHELL GLOVE WITH INSULATED LINER: TO WEAR FOR SEVERE COLD / STRONG WIND | <input type="checkbox"/> THERMOS: 1 LITRE (BUY A GOOD ONES TO KEEP YOUR WATER WARM FOR LONGER HOURS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITION MITTS | <input type="checkbox"/> PEE BOTTLE: 1 LITRE MINIMUM BOTTLE FOR CONVENIENCE AT NIGHT IN THE TENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITION BACKPACK: 65L PACK SHOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH | <input type="checkbox"/> TOILETRY BAG: INCLUDE TOILET PAPER AND HAND SANITIZER AND SMALL TOWEL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TREKKING BACKPACK: TO CARRY ON THE TREK TO BASE CAMP. SIMPLE AND LIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND WARMERS & TOE WARMERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPING BAG (FOR HIGH CAMPS): RATED TO AT LEAST -40°F. GOOSE DOWN OR SYNTHETIC | <input type="checkbox"/> PENKNIFE OR MULTI TOOL (OPTIONAL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPING BAG (FOR BASE CAMP): RATED TO AT LEAST -20°F | <input type="checkbox"/> CAMERA: BRING EXTRA BATTERIES AND MEMORY CARDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPRESSION STUFF SACKS: 3 LARGE ONES; FOR REDUCING VOLUME OF THE SLEEPING BAG, DOWN PARKA, ETC., IN YOUR PACK | <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL SOLAR CHARGING SYSTEM (OPTIONAL BUT RECOMMENDED) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH QUALITY SLEEPING PAD (1 FOR BASE CAMP AND 1 FOR HIGH CAMPS): FULL LENGTH IS PREFERRED | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAVEL CLOTHES: FOR DAYS IN COUNTRY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED CELL FOAM PAD: TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INFLATING PAD FOR WARMTH AND COMFORT WHEN SLEEPING | <input type="checkbox"/> DUFFEL BAGS (2) WITH LOCKS: TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BASE CAMP ITEMS: KINDLE, I PAD, SMART PHONE, ETC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SNACK FOOD: PLEASE BRING A FEW DAYS OF YOUR FAVOURITE CLIMBING SNACK FOOD SUCH AS BARS, |
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GELS, NUTS, BEEF JERKY, ETC. A VARIETY OF SALTY AND SWEET IS GOOD

- SMALL PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT: INCLUDE ATHLETIC TAPE, BAND-AID'S, IBUPROFEN, BLISTER CARE***, PERSONAL MEDICATIONS, ETC

- MEDICATIONS AND PRESCRIPTIONS: BRING ANTIBIOTICS (AZITHROMYCIN, ETC.), AND ALTITUDE MEDICINE SUCH AS DIAMOX AND DEXAMETHASONE

Payment

You may pay your deposit and balance using any lawful means. If sending money by electronic bank transfer then you will be responsible for covering the cost of the fees associated with the transfer, so that the company receives the full amount shown on your invoice, in the denomination shown on your invoice.

Cancellation

NB: There will be no refund of the deposit, as this policy will protect members who have committed their time and money to the expedition. It is advised to take out third-party travel cancellation insurance if you wish to be covered.

- Full payment must be made 120 before the expedition date. The following cancellations charges will apply, if you decide to cancel the booking:
- Deposits are non-refundable. Cancellations made 120 days prior to the departure date, will incur a loss of 30 percent of the total trip cost. Cancellations made 90 days prior to the departure date will incur a loss of 50 percent of the trip cost. Cancellations made 60 days prior to the departure date, will incur a loss of 70 percent of the total trip cost. Cancellations made 30 days or less to the departure date will incur a loss of 100 percent of the total trip cost.
- All refund requests must be made in writing and be received in our office within the 60-120 days period, as stated above.

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For all cancellations, the company must be notified in writing. Acceptable means of communication include letter and email.

Insurance

All Elite Exped clients require appropriate insurance for their chosen expedition. Please ensure your policy covers helicopter and medical rescue and repatriation costs.

Elite Exped's has a long-standing operational partnership with [Global Rescue](#), the world's leading membership organisation providing medical security, travel risk and crisis response services to travellers worldwide. Because of our history of operating side-by-side with Global Rescue, we recommend our clients register with them by preference.

Our close working relationship helps smooth the process of any potential rescue, saving valuable time that can affect the outcome. Memberships start at US\$119, and without a Global Rescue membership, an emergency evacuation could cost you more than US\$100,000.

Bookings

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